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TAGS: PGOV, AKB, BQG
SUBJECT: ICA PRESS RELEASE OF PRESIDENT'S COMMENT IN BERLIN

1. OFFICIAL TEXT PROVIDED BY ICA OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS IN BERLIN AT
AIRLIFT MEMORIAL JULY 15 WAS DATELINED "WEST BERLIN, GERMANY."

2. ICA/BERLIN REPRODUCED THE TEXT AS RECEIVED FROM PUNCH TAPE AND
CIRCULATED TO MEDIA OFFICIAL TEXT SO HEADED, THUS INADVERTENTLY
COMPOUNDING WASHINGTON'S ERROR.

3. MOST ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE WESTERN PART OF BERLIN IS
"WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN." IN THIS CONTEXT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT
THE EASTERN PART OF BERLIN IS THE "EASTERN" OR "SOVIET SECTOR."
HOWEVER, FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS, INCLUDING THE PREFERENCE OF
BERLINERS, THE WESTERN PART IS OFTEN REFERRED TO SIMPLY AS "BERLIN."
THE TERM "WEST BERLIN" IS ALSO USED IN INFORMAL USAGE BUT SHOULD NOT
FIGURE IN OFFICIAL TEXTS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. TO DO SO
LEND CREDENCE TO THE ARGUMENT OF THE SOVIETS AND THE EAST GERMANS
THAT THERE EXISTS A DISCRETE POLITICAL ENTITY KNOWN AS "WEST BERLIN"
(OR "WESTBERLIN") WHICH REMAINS UNDER OCCUPATION AND THAT THERE EXIST
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NO EASTERN OR SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN, BUT RATHER A SEPARATE CITY
KNOWN AS "BERLIN, CAPITAL OF THE GDR"--A CITY WHICH IN THEIR VIEW
IS FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE GDR AND OVER WHICH THE GDR IS SOVEREIGN.

4. MISSION HAS ALREADY RECEIVED PRESS INQUIRIES ON HEADING OF TEXT
OF AIRLIFT MEMORIAL REMARKS. INQUIREIES HAVE BEEN LOW-KEY AND HAVE

ACCEPTED RESPONSE THAT HEADING WAS RESULT OF OVERSIGHT. ALL OTHER
OUTPUT TO THE MEDIA DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT BORE THE CORRECT
"BERLIN" HEADING.GEORGE

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